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Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary recently announced the director's office would be eliminated and its duties shifted to an assistant secretary.

According to the Post, the DOE report was written by the safety director, Steven Blush, in an attempt to bolster his argument that an independent safety office continues to be needed. Blush argued in the re-

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Energy Department officials could not be reached late Friday for comment.

The Post quoted DOE spokesman Michael Gaudin as describing Blush's report as "self-serving" and defending the decision to eliminate the independent safety office.

Blush had submitted his resignation and was expected to depart June 1. The Post said

•The discovering of badly corroded and bent fuel rods at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant that could have led to an accident.

•Badly deteriorating pipes at a lithium processing plant at the Hanford weapons facility in Washington state that posed safety concerns.

All of the incidents occurred in 1992, the report said.

Shiites launch mortar attack on Israeli zone

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — Shiite Muslim guerrillas fired mortars on Israel's self-styled security zone in south Lebanon today. Security sources said one member of an Israeli-backed militia was killed and another wounded.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several mortar rounds exploded around Shoumariyeh, a hilltop position manned by Israeli troops and militiamen of the South Lebanon army.

The Israelis and their allies retaliated with a barrage of 155mm howitzer fire on suspected guerrilla hideouts near the villages of Zawtar and Qaaqaiyat al-Jisr along the Litani river.

The guerrilla attack came as the foreign ministers of Syria, Jordan and Lebanon and senior officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization were meeting in Damascus, the Syrian capital, for the second day to decide whether they will attend the ninth round of Middle East peace negotiations in Washington on Tuesday.

The fundamentalist Iranian-backed Shiite Hezbollah and the Amal movement, a Syrian-backed Shiite faction, said they carried out the mortar assault.

They claimed in a joint statement that one Israeli Merkava tank was destroyed. They made no mention of guerrilla casualties and there was no immediate word from Israel's military command.

Hezbollah and Amal differ on political issues, but sometimes launch joint attacks to underscore their determination to drive the Israelis out of the occupied border zone, which is predominantly Shiite.

Today's fighting came a day after Israeli helicopter gunships attacked the motorcade of a senior official of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, killing three people and wounding four.

The casualty toll in the south this year stands at 19 killed and 87 wounded.

South Lebanon, a traditional flashpoint in the Arab-Israeli conflict, has been wracked by violence for five weeks amid moves by the United States and Russia to resume the stalled peace talks.

1-Public Notices

CITY OF ELGIN NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING;

A public meeting of the City of Elgin budget committee will be held at the Elgin Community Center, Tuesday, April 27, 1993 at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and the budget document of the City, and to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994. A copy of the budget document will be available for inspection at the City office on April 27, 1993.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting to discuss the proposed programs with the budget committee.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE AND VARIANCE

The City of La Grande Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at their Regular Session on Tuesday, April 27, 1993, which begins at 5:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1000 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. The Hearing is to consider Conditional Use Permit application for a two (2) unit Planned Unit Development on property located at 2801 N. Oak Street, T3S, R38E, Section 6AB, Tax Lot 5200, Block 34, Riverside Addition, La Grande, Union County, Oregon. The applicant is the Northeast Oregon Housing Authority; representative Maggie Dean, Executive Director.

The Hearing is to also consider a Variance Permit application for the aforementioned Planned Unit Development requesting a variance of one (1) parking space where the Planned Unit Development requirement states that two (2) parking spaces be provided for each dwelling unit.

The applicable land use regulations are found in Articles 6, 14, 15, and 16, of City of La Grande Zoning Ordinance Number 2683, Series 1983. Failure to raise a specific issue at the Public Hearing precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals. A copy of the application and all information related to the proposal is available for review at no cost, with copies supplied at a reasonable cost. A staff report will be available for review seven days before the Hearing, and can also be supplied at a reasonable cost. For further information, contact the City Planning Department at 962-1307.

All meetings of the La Grande Planning Commission are accessible to the disabled and the visual and/or hearing impaired. Please call 962-1307 by Friday, April 23, 1993, should you require special accommodations to permit your attendance at the April 27, 1993, meeting.

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